

HALO: Artificial Memories

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Summary: While aboard the "Forward Unto Dawn" during the time between 'Halo 3' and 'Halo 4', Cortana reflects upon her opinion of John 117.

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U.N.S.C. Vessel "Forward Unto Dawn"

AI Log Entry: 11/27/2557

Registered Vessel A.I.: CORTANA

Text Entry:

John. 117. The Master Chief. He goes by many names,

_rushing into war and breathing its deadly flames. _

An alien menace threatened our race,

_but 117 never showed fear in his face. _

He stood tall, a Spartan, in armor stronger than steel,

_pushing through mission after mission towards the Covenant's Achilles' heel. _

_His ultimate task began on a ring, _

_and the war raged on. _

In his heart and mind he knew one thing:

_he would keep fighting for a new dawn. _

Now in the cold of space, he sleeps a hero's slumber,
relishing small peace amongst the stars,
_not knowing if he will ever be known as more than just a number.
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_Humanity used to be amazed by simply Mars. _
Some say he is broken,
_that he is unstable. _
_I am his token, _
_and he has proven himself to be able. _
117 is not a number but a man,
let the historians remember
that when we said "We cannot.", he said, "We can."
_He stomped out the fires to the smallest ember. _
Some say he is a myth or not human,
that his mere existence is a lie.
Some say that he is not human,
_but neither am I. _

End
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